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COMPANIONSHIP

In the intertwirling smoke of our cigarettes
Is a caressing sense of intricate congruity.
There is sea-blue in this quiet place,
And infinite crisp echoes of music,
Bound together with cords of uttermost fragility.

IMPOTENCE

While you lived
I could make you neither glad nor unhappy.
Now you are dead
I can neither lull nor awaken you.
Always I am impotent.

BRANCHES

Pierre Gris,
When an old man,
Saw winter branches
Brown, grey, dulled silver.

These, he said, are the no longer green
Hopes of my youth.
They seem to interlace,
But I remember that that is
Illusion.

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